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CHINA'S PROBLEM

Most Americans do not realize the staggering scope of Communist China's economic problem, and the highly significant speech of Mao Tse-tung, obtained recently by a Western newspaper man, reveals the gravity of the situation now being felt inside China.

Although the Chinese Communists have unquestionably made some progress in establishing order among China's 600,000,000 people, the rapidly increasing Chinese population is complicating the task of raising the living standard in that country. According to reliable sources, Mao admitted that some 30,000,000 births are taking place annually in China and also that the increase in the grain harvest in the last two years, has been just enough to take care of the increase in population—maintaining the same low standard of living.

With China on a huge industry expansion program, it is obvious that workers' wages cannot be increased and living conditions improved while this program is going on and China's birthrate remains as high as it is. In short, China faces the problem so many countries face—that of over-population.

The significance of the Chinese admission that the annual increase in population is creating a staggering problem for the Communist Government is highly important, and has its effect on the international scene. Recent indications that Mao is taking an increasingly independent line from that of Moscow and an admission from China's top leader that the Chinese economy is having its troubles are of more than passing concern in this country.

The net effect seems to be that communist China is not to be considered a major threat to the Western Powers in the near future — as far as any major war or grandiose expansion in that area of the world is concerned. However, if the economic problem is ever solved in China, and the communists continue to expand their heavy industry, eventually the regime in China could become a more dangerous threat to the world than Communist Russia.

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A GOOD EXAMPLE

William L. Mellon, Jr., of the Pittsburgh Mellon's, has set an example for men of wealth to follow. Having retired to an Arizona ranch at the age of 37 and having no money worries to speak of, the scion of the famous Pittsburgh family decided to give up a life of leisure.

That was about ten years ago. Mellon decided he would become a doctor, at the age of 37, and, inspired by an article on the work of Dr. Albert Schweitzer, Mellon decided he would devote himself to a similar work.

Dr. Schweitzer is world famous for his humanitarian work in the African jungle and Mellon fulfilled his plans to follow his career. Seven years after he retired from the Arizona ranch, he graduated as a doctor. During his medical training, he and his wife visited Haiti and saw the poverty and misery which prevailed in that densely-populated country's rural districts.

Therefore, when he graduated as a doctor, he went to Haiti, built a hospital, which he named the Albert Schweitzer Memorial Hospital, and set out to treat the unfortunate and poverty-stricken inhabitants of the area.

The hospital is estimated to have cost the young doctor $1,500,000. It is modern in all respects and is air-conditioned. Annual upkeep, it is estimated, runs into several hundred thousand dollars.

Mellon, in devoting his life to the uplifting of mankind and the easing of the suffering plight of poverty-stricken natives in Haiti has set a Christian example and has become one of the country's best ambassadors of goodwill.

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THERE'S NO LIMIT

We read a story recently which reminded us that there are no limits on what a person can do in this life. Usually, the main limitation is one's own imagination.

The story we read concerned a couple who lived in New York and who were sick and tired of city life. They wanted a life of their own—in a small town.

Although it was a gamble, the couple decided to move to Charlottesville, Virginia, the home town of Thomas Jefferson and try to make a go of it with a business of their own. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burke thereupon moved out of their New York City apartment.

Mrs. Burke had been experimenting for some time in mixing dried flowers with various herbs.

She finally believed she had found a pleasant mixture — not too sweet and not too pungent—having a wholesome and pleasing smell about it, and she and her husband planned the production of little sachet bags, which were to be sold in stores.

At first the going was tough and the Burke's wondered if they would make it. They even had to buy some of their products on credit. But when the stores found they could sell the sachet bags and ordered more, the Burke's quickly got on their feet.

In about four years, they had a $100,000 business going, had moved into an old plantation home near Charolttesville and were thoroughly enjoying their new life.

This is merely one example of a couple, apparently set in their ways, changing course and direction and making new horizons. This is an example to all those who need a change of environment in life. One can usually do anything he puts his mind to, if he has the necessary self-discipline to back up his decisions.

Washington Notes

RED CHINA TRADE

Two Democrats and one Republican senator have agreed that the the United States should reassess its policy of barring trade with Red China. In separate statements, Senators Magnuson and Fulbright, Democrats and Thye, Republican, took the position that a revaluation of the trade ban is needed.

W. O. C.'s

Business men "borrowed from their companies for government duty," no longer will get executive positions in the Commerce Department, according to Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks, who said that career men will replace some 25 "without compensation" officials now in his department.

LOW INCOME HOUSING

Housing Administrator Albert M. Cole recently said the nation is "seriously lagging" behind present congressional authorizations for both public and private low - income housing. He called for a "realistic review" of the program.

INDIA PAYS

Silver shipments, valued at $5,000,000, were recently received in this country from India. It was the first installment on the repayment by India of her World War II lend-lease debt of $157,000,000.

COFFEE

An increase of almost 9 per cent in world coffee production for the 1957-58 marketing season has been predicted by the foreign agricultural service. Production was estimated at 50,395,000,000 bags, each weighing 132,276 pounds. This compares estimated for the current year and with the 46,262,000 bags production is close to the the actual 1955-56 production.

TRUMAN GIFTS TO NATION

Former President Harry S. Truman has announced he was giving the Government all his official papers and all the presents he received while in office. Mr. Truman plans to turn over to the Government the Truman Memorial Library at Independence, Mo., and all the official papers, the gifts and mementoes it contains. He placed a value of $21,000,000 on the library, the land on which it stands and its contents. The land was donated, the library was built with popular subscriptions of $1,700,000.

BOOM BUSTED?

Dr. Marcus Nadler, well-known economist, believes "the (economic) boom has run its course and we are in the midst of a period of readjustment. It is possible," he says, "that the decline in the summer months will be more than seasonal." Such a downturn, however, he concludes, can have a happy ending, if it brings about a slowdown of inflationary forces, stimulates productivity and results in more savings. Then, he explains, the economy would have a firm foundation for a sound upward trend later.

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KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

Way is there usually a sea breeze on the beach by day and often a land breeze at night?

The delightful sea breeze enjoyed by so many at beaches is caused by the fact that land heats up faster than water. Thus, the sun heats the land along the seashore during daylight and heat radiation rises.

As the warm air over the land area rises, cooler air, from above the water, moves in horizontally, to replace it. This sets up a breeze from the ocean and it usually continues throughout the day. At night the land area cools quickly and often becomes cooler than the ocean.

As a result, the flow or air reverses itself, and a land breeze is often observed. The calm that so often accompanies daybreak at the beach in summer is explained by the fact that the land loses its great heat many hours after sunset, thereby reaching an equal temperature with the nearby water just before, or even at, dawn.

SCHOOL CAFETERIA WORKERS HAVE AN IMPORTANT DUTY

Farmville, Va.- "Today's children are the luckiest ever born," Mrs. Nell Griffin told 350 cafeteria workers gathered at Longwood College for the ninth annual school lunch conference. They are better dressed, better fed, and brighter than were their parents, she said. In the event that vegetables don't get into the child, vitamin pills do, she added.

Because children have more free time than their parents, and because the role of the home and family has changed, greater responsibilities are added to the school. Today schools must provide love, a feeling of need, a feeling of acceptance, and a belief in God for modern children.

The task of the cafeteria worker is important in helping the school accomplish these objectives. Cafeteria managers need to know children intimately so that they will be more effective in providing balanced meals for them. They need to know how emotions can reduce the appetite and how the various growth stages effect eating.

By providing the child with a well balanced diet in a pleasant cafeteria, the cafeteria worker contributes to the total effectiveness of the school and to society.

PATRICIA ALVIS ON DEAN'S LIST

Fredericksburg, Va.- The dean's list of honor students for the second semester at Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia contains the names of 323 students. Among those on the list, released by Dean Edward Alvey Jr., who achieved a "B" average with no grade below a "C" was Miss Patricia Ann Alvis, a graduate of Appomattox High School, who is a senior majoring in Spanish.

NEW BOOK IN THE COUNTY LIBRARY

The Great Plantation, by Clifford Dowdey.

A profile of Berkley Hundred and Plantation Virginia from Jamestown to Appomattox. Through the individual story of one of Virginia's oldest and greatest plantation and planter families — Berkley Hundred and Harrison family— one of the South's foremost historians has here told the complete story of the rise, Golden Age, and decline of Virginia's plantation society. In this immensely readable, solid history of Tidewater Virginia, from Frontier days to the Civil War, there are vivid personal portraits, accounts of Indian massacres and Bacon's Rebellion, a wonderful section on the founding of Williamsburg and its apotheosis under Governor Gooch, the daily life of the aristocrat, details of estate management. The story of Berkley Hundred (still standing and still inhabited today) should be a standard work on Colonial history for years to come.

Other Books added to Jamestown Display: The Silver Mace, by Manly and Miska Petersham, a story of Williamsburg, and With Sword and Pen, by Bradford Smith, a book on the adventures of Captain John Smith.

PROTECT STORED GRAIN

Where tight bins are available, fumigation is the most effective method for controlling insects. Fumigation should take place within two weeks after storage. Three mixtures are recommended: Carbon tetrachloride - Carbon Disulphide (80-20 mixture) - rate 2-4 gallons per 1,000 bushels; Ethylene Dichloride -Carbon Tetrachloride (75-25) mixture rate 3-6 gallons per 1,000 bushels; and Carbon tetrachloride-Ethylene Dibromide - Ethylene Dichloride (60-35-5) mixture rate 2-4 gallons per 1,000 bushels.

Fumigant is sprayed directly to grain with hand or power operated sprayer. Fumes are poison, avoid breathing them.

Where storage is not tight enough to permit fumigation, protective powder may be used. Recommended powder for wheat contains .08% pyrethrin and 1.1% Piperanyl butoxide. The powder prevents the multiplying of grain insects.

An easy way of treating would be applying to grain as it is being moved to storage, thus it becomes mixed. When manufacturers directions are followed, no objectionable taste or color will be found.

A boaster may be described as a person with whom it is no sooner done than said. —Milwaukee Journal.

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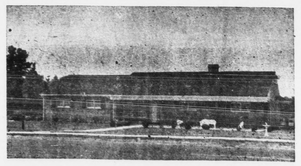

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About The Home

By Frances Dell

Sewing is a year-round job. Do it ahead to prune at any time for renewed growth. Avoid giving shrubs unusual silhouette except shrubs.

Forcing flowers for the spring to the buds to prepare shrubs. Some summer flowering shrubs be pinched back a couple of weeks for their first growth to make mature plants bushy.

Cut long stems on newly planted or where growth is soft. Do be alert for soft green shoots coming from the ground at the base of rose plants. These shoots are callkd suckers and they will rob a rose plant of much food. Clip them back just below the soil line.

Azaleas and camellias are in a very active growth period. If a plant is making uneven growth, you can cut back the longest shoots to make the plant symmetrical. Paint the cut stub with finger nail polish.

Clip dead leaves from iris. Keep the ground around iris free of litter of any kind.

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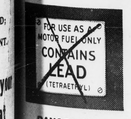

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In Fashion Now

A well-dressed woman was recently described by a leading fashion designer, as one who looks exactly right for the situation you see her in. The designer went on to say that this woman need not have a large and varied wardrobe at all. She usually has a carefully selected one.

A few well-chosen clothes go much further than a large assortment of garments chosen at random, the choice of which if often dictated by whim. It may be fun to buy clothes this way. However, unless you are on an enormous budget, you may end feeling very sorry for yourself.

There are a few times during a woman's life when a bit of whimsy should rightfully enter into the choice of clothes. If you are buying a trousseau, let yourself go a little.

At the beginning of each season think of the clothes you will need, list the ones you have and the ones you will want to purchase. Usually, the amount of money you have to spend is the governing factor.

Kep in mind that extremes in fashion soon fade from the picture and look dated long before you have gottn your money's worth. Don't forget that clothes of good fashion and good fabrics, in styles suited to your figure and colors that you're happy with have a long life span.

Health and Beauty

This is a chat about the most important members of the human family, viz, the children. There are parents who really love their children, yet are so unwise and selfish that they are ruining them for time and eternity.

When people assume the responsibility of becoming parents, they take upon themselves very grave and solemn obligations. Of course, it is the duty of the mother and father to consider the welfare of the children before their own.

It is needless to say that the meals should be regular and nourishing, and that children should not be allowed to nibble upon dainties and knicknacks between meals. If the children are properly fed, get sufficient exercise and enough sleep, they can build sound bodies, provided their surroundings are congenial and happy.

Little children should be in bed at an early hour; and if parents drug them about at night, or permit them to be up until late hours, they are undermining their health, and getting them into bad habits that will always handicap them.

People who have children should face the fact, and settle it once and for all, that the welfare of the child comes first in the household.

Children should be secure and happy. When they are very young they should be made to realize that it is the duty of the mother and father to consider the welfare of the children before their own.

Children should be secure and happy. When they are very young they should be made to realize that their parents love them. No partiality should be shown and no child should be allowed to feel that he is less loved or less important than any other.

The hearts of the very young are sensitive and feelings are easily and deeply hurt. Many a young heart has been wounded by real or apparent partiality shown by a parent to one child over another.

To a little child, the father and mother are ideal, their models, which they unconsciously copy. Beware of setting your child a bad example and starting him on the wrong road. If you do, it will prove a boomerang that will come back to tear your own heart some day.

When your children grow up, you want to be proud of them. Beware! Do not give them cause to be ashamed of you now.

State primary election to be held next month.

LECTURES AT LONGWOOD

Farmville,- Speakers will discuss Virginia geography, literature and history at the summer lecture series of the Institute of Southern Culture to be held at Longwood College, July 10. Lectures will be held in Jarman Hall and will be scheduled for 11:00 A. M., 4:00 P. M. and 8:00 P. M., The series will be open to the public.

"Assessment of Virginia's Natural Qualities by Explorers and Early Settlers," will be the topic of the morning lecture. It will be given by Dr. Gary S. Dunbar, a geography instructor at Longwood. A native of New York state, Dr. Dunbar holds a Ph. D. degree from Louisiana State University and the A. M. and A. B. degrees from the University of Virginia.

Professor C. Hugh Holman will deliver the afternoon lecture. His topic will be, "Ellen Glasgow and the Southern Literary Tradition." Dr. Holman is an American literature professor at the University of North Carolina.

Concluding the program will be a symposium on, "Interpreting Virginia History." Speakers for the evening program will be Dr. Marvin W. Schlegel, Longwood - history professor; Dr. Lawrence Burnette, Jr., field editor and representative for Charles Scribner's Sons; and Miss Spotswood Hunnicutt, American history teacher at the James Blair High School in Williamsburg.

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We are anxious for a big vote in Appomattox for Mr. Almond, to assure him of our full support.

If you are not going to be here July 9th, apply for Absentee Ballot. If in County, please let nothing stop you from going and voting that day for J. Lindsay Almond.

We also have a Lieutenant Governor to elect. The present Lieutenant Governor, A. E. S. Stephens is a candidate for re-election. Be sure to vote for both.

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